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S E C R E T CAIRO 12702

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NPW TRANSITS OF SUEZ CANAL--STATUS REPORT

REF: (A) CAIRO 12276, (B) CAIRO 12171 (NOTAL)

1. DEPUTY PRIMIN AHMED SULTAN WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE
DINNER WITH ME, MAY 10, BUT BEGGED OFF AT LAST MINUTE
BECAUSE OF FIVE-HOUR INAUGURAL CABINET MEETING
SCHEDULED SAME TIME. WE ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO
GET TOGETHER UNTIL AFTER MY RETURN IN EARLY JUNE.

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2. IN TELECON WITH AHMED MAHER TODAY, I ASKED IF EFFAT
AND HAMMOUDA HAD YET PRESENTED THEIR REPORT TO SULTAN.
MAHER SAID THEY HAD NOT, BUT THAT HE HAD BEEN PRESSING
THEM TO DO SO. HE THOUGHT REPORT WOULD BE SUBMITTED IN
NEXT FEW DAYS. IN THIS CONNECTION, MAHER SAID GROUP HAD
DISCUSSED SUBJECT FOR SOME TIME AFTER RADM CHEWNING AND I
HAD LEFT (REF A). MAHER CLAIMED GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

WERE POSITIVE. HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT EFFAT/HAMMOUDA REPORT WILL SO INDICATE, ALTHOUGH HE WAS SURE IT WILL RECOMMEND THAT SULTAN OBTAIN HIGHER LEVEL APPROVAL FOR NPW TRANSIT. HE UNDERTOOK LET ME KNOW SOON AS SULTAN GETS REPORT.

3. I WILL TRY TO BE IN TOUCH WITH SULTAN AGAIN BY PHONE PRIOR MY DEPARTURE IN ORDER TO URGE HIM ONCE AGAIN MAKE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO "HIGHER LEVEL" AUTHORITIES. THESE COULD ONLY BE SALEM, VP MUBARAK OR SADAT HIMSELF. EILTS

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